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## AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 21, 2009

**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS** 

**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN** 

## **SUBJECT:**

RECOGNITION OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

## **BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at Meeting – Copies of the Proclamation declaring November 2008 as Chinese New Year of the Ox

## Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that the Chinese New Year 2009, the Year of the Ox, starts on January 26. He invited SIFU STEVEN BAUGH, Lohan School of Shaolin, and ANDY LUONG and VIDA LIN, President and Vice-President of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), Las Vegas Chapter, to the podium where he presented them with Proclamations declaring January 21, 2009, as Chinese New Year Day in the City of Las Vegas.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recognized the Lohan School for its contributions to preserving Chinese culture in Las Vegas and thanked the school's Lion Dancers for their performance before the meeting. He also recognized the OCA, Las Vegas Chapter, for its commitment to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Americans.

MR. BAUGH explained that the Lohan School is a multi-cultural organization and noted the Lion Dancers would be performing in many Chinese New Year celebrations. He added that his organization is also dedicated to keeping kids off the streets.

MR. LUONG stated that the OCA is committed to the community and described its outreach efforts to high school and college students. He also recognized the members of the OCA Las Vegas Chapter Board in the audience, WAYNE TANAKA, MARIA GALINDO, and DR. TERRY WONG.